

PUBLIC NOTICE

State of South Carolina (SC)
Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ)
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NOTICE OF DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

EXOPACK, LLC
345 CEDAR SPRINGS AVENUE
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
(SPARTANBURG COUNTY / APPALACHIA III EQC DISTRICT)
AIR PERMIT NOS. 2060-0075-CG THROUGH 2060-0075-CJ

Exopack, LLC (Exopack) has applied to the SC DHEC for construction permits to install and operate new equipment, replace, remove or modify existing equipment, and establish a new facility-wide Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emission limit at its above-listed flexible packaging manufacturing facility. Draft Construction Permit No. 2060-0075-CG, Draft Synthetic Minor Construction Permit Nos. 2060-0075-CH & CI, Draft Best Available Control Technology (BACT)/Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER) Applicable to Volatile Organic Compounds / Synthetic Minor Construction Permit No. 2060-0075-CJ, and Engineering Calculation (Green) Sheets have been prepared by the BAQ outlining the facility's proposed project and applicable regulations under which the draft permits are subject to review. If approved, the draft permits will enable this facility to comply with applicable State and Federal Air Quality Regulations when operated in accordance with the conditions contained therein. The pollutant limitations and other permit conditions set forth in the draft permits are tentative and open to comment from the public, affected states, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Exopack produces rotogravure and flexographic printed products that are converted into flexible packaging consisting of multi-wall paper bags used for consumer products. This facility utilizes both solvent-based and water-based inks and varnishes in its manufacturing process. Exopack is proposing modifications at this facility to allow for operational growth and flexibility and to improve production quality. If approved, the proposed project will include the modification/installation of flexographic presses with varnish stations and natural gas-fired dryers, and the installation/operation of a new natural gas-fired hot oil heater. A natural gas-fired Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO) has been proposed for the control of VOC emissions. Removal of some existing equipment is also included in this project. Emissions generated by this facility include VOCs, Particulate Matter/Particulate Matter less than 10 Microns in Diameter, Sulfur Dioxide, Carbon Monoxide, Nitrogen Oxides, and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). Exopack is requesting that a new federally enforceable, facility-wide limit of less than 250 tons per year (TPY) of VOC emissions be established at this facility, thereby enabling it to remain below Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) major source thresholds. Exopack will maintain its existing facility-wide emission limit of less than 10 tons TPY of any single HAP, and less than 25 TPY of any combination of HAPs for this permit, which includes stringent monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. In addition, the facility will apply BACT/LAER technology when printing with solvent and water-based inks to ensure that VOC emissions released will be minimized. Air dispersion modeling has demonstrated that operation of this facility as proposed will not interfere with the attainment or maintenance of any State or Federal Standard.

DHEC issued a Title V Operating (TV) Permit to this facility on September 17, 2001, after proper public notice and completion of a thirty (30) day comment period. DHEC has identified the incorporation of the terms and conditions of Draft Construction Permit Nos. 2060-0075-CG through 2060-0075-CJ into the existing TV permit as a minor modification in accordance with SC DHEC Regulation 61-62.70 "Title V Operating Permit Program." Therefore, if approved, and upon receipt of a minor modification request from the facility, the issued construction permit(s) will be incorporated into the TV permit with no additional public comment period and/or hearing required. All emissions limitations and conditions contained in the draft construction permits have been written to ensure that this facility continues to operate in accordance with the requirements of the Title V Operating Permit Program for the State of South Carolina.

Interested persons may review the draft permits, green sheets, and other materials maintained and used by DHEC in preparing these permits, and submit written comments (including the permit number and facility name), by April 30, 2005, to the attention of Mr. Randy Price at the above DHEC address. All comments received by April 30, 2005 will be considered when making a final decision regarding the draft permit(s). Where there is a significant amount of public interest and/or request, DHEC may hold a public hearing to receive additional written and oral comments. If a public hearing is held, notice will be given in this publication thirty (30) days in advance. Requests for contested case hearings may be filed after a final decision has been made. Additional information regarding contested case hearings is available from the Office of General Counsel at the above DHEC address or by calling (803) 898-3350. Requests for a public hearing, or to be placed on a mailing list for notification of any future public notices or public hearings by the BAQ, should be made in writing to the attention of Ms. Donna Moye at the above DHEC address, or by e-mail at: moyedd@dhec.sc.gov.

Information relative to the draft permits will be made available for review through April 30, 2005 at the DHEC Columbia Office listed above and at the following location:

S.C. DHEC, Appalachia III EQC District Office, 975-C North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303 at (864) 596-3800.

Additional information on permit decisions and hearing procedures is available by contacting DHEC at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a draft permit or other related documents must be requested in writing. There is a \$.25 per page charge for copies. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of person you know will be interested in this matter.